

SC Annual School Report Card Summary

R.P. Dawkins Middle

Spartanburg School District Six

Grades: 6-8 **Enrollment: 825**

Principal: Jay Seegars

Superintendent: Dr. Darryl F. Owings

Board Chair: Mr. Lynn Harris

PERFORMANCE

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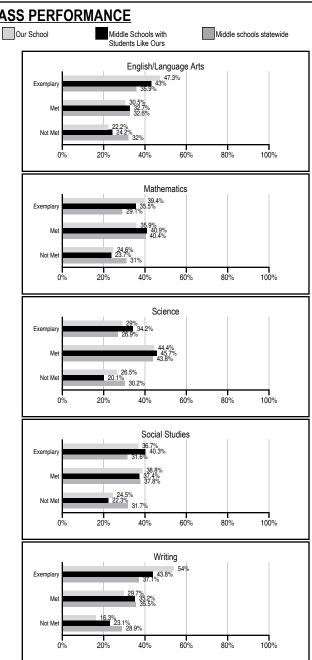
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL A	ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2012	Good	Good	TBD	TBD	Α	N/A
2011	Average	Average	Silver	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
17	14	7	0	1

^{*} Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2012. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAFP Achievement Levels

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READING - GRADE 8 (2011)				
South Carolina	28	45	25	2
Nation	25	43	29	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced ■ Below Basic □ Proficient ■ Advanced				
MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)				
South Carolina	30	38	25	7
Nation	28	39	26	8
% Below Basic				
SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2009)				
South Carolina	45	32	22 1	
Nation	38	33	28	
% Below Basic				

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2012					
% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours			
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	98.1			
English 1	N/A	89.9			
Physical Science	N/A	N/A			
US History and the Constitution	N/A	9			
All Subjects	100.0	94.6			

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

R.P. Dawkins Middle [Spartanburg School District Six] SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=825)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	10.0%	Down from 10.7%	27.7%	22.9%
Retention rate	0.0%	No Change	0.7%	0.8%
Attendance rate	97.2%	No Change	96.6%	96.2%
Served by gifted and talented program	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
With disabilities other than speech	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Older than usual for grade	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.6%	0.5%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=52)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	78.8%	Down from 83.0%	64.9%	61.3%
Continuing contract teachers	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV	N/AV
Teachers returning from previous year	94.2%	Down from 95.3%	89.0%	86.7%
Teacher attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 96.6%	95.2%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,624	Up 2.9%	\$47,604	\$46,422
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	1.4%	2.0%
Professional development days/teacher	12.7 days	Up from 9.1 days	10.6 days	10.0 days
School				
Principal's years at school	1.0	Down from 6.0	5.5	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.0 to 1	Down from 22.2 to 1	24.0 to 1	22.0 to 1
Prime instructional time	93.2%	Down from 93.4%	90.6%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.2%	Down from 99.8%	98.4%	98.8%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,483	Down 6.2%	\$6,922	\$7,245
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.2%	Up from 70.0%	63.2%	63.1%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.7%	Down from 68.9%	61.8%	60.9%
ESEA composite index score	95.1	N/A	91.0	88.1
Longth of contract = 185+ days				

^{*} Length of contract = 185+ days.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	37	240	36
Percent satisfied with learning environment	91.7%	83.8%	80.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	94.6%	88.1%	86.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	94.6%	92.8%	69.4%

^{*}Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The 2011-2012 school year for the R.P. Dawkins Bearcats was a successful one. In keeping with our mission, a safe and nurturing learning environment was provided where every student had an opportunity to succeed. Our dedicated faculty remained committed to the development of students in the areas of academics, fine arts, athletics, and service to others. Once again, our students achieved success in each of these.

This year R.P. Dawkins received many academic accolades. Our school was recognized in academics with the Palmetto Silver Award for closing the achievement gap. Our academic teams enjoyed a successful year and were winners in several competitions that included: SC Junior Beta Club Quiz Bowl Champions, Dorman High School Fall Novice Champions, Dorman High School Season Ender Champions, and a second place in the Knowledge Master Open. Also, we had two teams qualify and participate in the Middle School National Championship Tournament in Chicago, Illinois. This year 47 Bearcats were named Jr. Scholars, and one of our students was recognized as the overall performance winner for Spartanburg County. Another student won the regional spelling bee and participated in the Scripts National Spelling Bee held in Washington D.C.

Our fine arts program continued to be a source of pride for the school. Chorus, band, and strings each had members recognized for their talents by being named to the Honors Choir, All-Region, or All State. The number of band participants grew from the previous year and earned an excellent performance rating. Our orchestra program was as impressive as ever and earned another superior rating. Also, we had five students make the 2012 South Carolina All-State orchestra. This year marked the first time R.P. Dawkins had students enter the South Carolina Dialogue Foundation Art and Essay contest. Two of our students were recognized as winners including the overall South Carolina winner in the art division.

R.P. Dawkins was proud to offer 7th and 8th grade football, girls' volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, and wrestling for interested students. Each of our programs was competitive and enjoyed winning seasons. Our girls' volleyball team was Peachtree Conference co-champions and Peachtree tournament champions. Our boys' basketball team was the Peachtree tournament runner-up, and the girls' basketball team was the tournament champion.

Our Bearcats were committed to helping others in need and were busy with many charitable causes. Our student council led our student body in fundraising efforts for the Make-A- Wish Foundation, Relay for Life, and the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen. Other efforts were spent supporting Mobile Meals and the United Way.

With a combined effort, our students, parents, faculty and staff worked together to make this year a positive one. We were pleased with the growth of so many of our Bearcats and remain committed to meeting the needs of all our students. We expect success and look forward to what the future has in store for our students.

Jay Seegars, Principal Beeler, SIC Chair Stacey

^{**} Prior year audited financial data available.